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SUBJECT: NAC COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO US SUMMIT PROPOSALS

REFS: A) USNATO 2435
-- B) STATE 093407

1. LUNS' PROPOSAL TO HAVE NAC SESSION TO CONSIDER
COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE REFLECTING US SUMMIT PROPOSALS (REF A)
IS HELPFUL. MISSION SHOULD CONSULT WITH LUNS ON SCHEDULING
IT AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME.

2. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON BRACKETED LANGUAGE
IN REF B (PARAS 4 AND 5) RELATING TO PROPOSALS, EXCEPT
THAT, FOR THE MOMENT, YOU SHOULD DELETE THE PHRASE "AND
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TO PROMOTE A GENUINE TWO-WAY STREET IN DEFENSE TRADE
BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE" IN PARA FOUR. WITH
REGARD TO ALL OF THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE, MISSION SHOULD
PROCEED WITH DUE CAUTION. WE ARE STILL PREPARING OUR
POSITIONS IN LIGHT OF THE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE ALLIES IN WASHINGTON AND FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET
BEEN TAKEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. YOU SHOULD, IN

REITERATING OUR APPRECIATION TO ALLIES FOR THEIR REACTIONS TO OUR CONSULTATIONS AND IN TABLING LANGUAGE FOR COMMUNIQUE TO REFLECT PROPOSALS, ENSURE THAT ALLIES ARE AWARE THAT FINAL WASHINGTON DECISIONS ARE STILL PENDING. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD ALSO SAFEGUARD DRAFT US LANGUAGE AGAINST PREMATURE WATERING-DOWN BY PERMREPS. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT AT NAC MEETING, YOU SHOULD TABLE US LANGUAGE; NOTE THAT IT REFLECTS WASHINGTON'S THINKING AT THIS POINT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS; AND SEEK INITIAL REACTIONS. YOU SHOULD NOT NOW ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT ON THESE SECTIONS IN VIEW OF FOREGOING.

3. WITH REGARD TO LANGUAGE ON DEFENSE EQUIPMENT COOPERATION, WE NOTE TINE'S RESERVATION, BUT WE ASSUME THIS APPLIES TO THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL AND NOT TO THE GENERAL QUESTION. IDEA OF PANEL WAS PUT FORWARD ILLUSTRATIVELY. WE DO NOT NOW INTEND TO PRESS IT, AND IT IS NOT REFLECTED IN OUR DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE. WE ALSO NOTE SENSITIVITY OF SOME ALLIES TO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO EAST-WEST STUDY, BUT BELIEVE SUGGESTED LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT AROUSE CONCERNS.

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